

LIBRARY BOARD OF RHODE ISLAND

The regular meeting of the Library Board of Rhode Island was held on
May 18, 2015
at the William Hall Library
1825 Broad Street, Cranston, RI 02905

Members Attending: Cristina Amedeo, Kenneth Findlay, Edward Garcia, Phyllis Humphrey, Monica Nazareth-Dzialo, Joan Ress Reeves, Robert Sloan, Thomas Viall

Members absent: Kristen Chin, Louise Herrington-Bright, Rosita Hopper, Shirley Long, Phyllis Lynch, Alison Davis Maxell, Joan Retsinas, Rose Ellen Reynolds

Present from the Office of Library and Information Services (OLIS): Karen Andrews, Donna DiMichele, Karen Mellor

Guests: Eileen Dyer, Providence Community Library, Co-chair, Rhode Island Library Association Legislative Action Committee

Reporting: Karen Andrews

Materials Distributed:

- *Long Lines for Freedom*, Courtney Young, President, The American Library Association, Congress blog post
- Rhode Island at a Glance: Digital Inclusion & Public Libraries

I. WELCOME

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:20 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES from the April 13, 2015, meeting

The meeting minutes were unanimously approved with minor changes.

Moved by: Joan Ress Reeves

Seconded by: Ed Garcia

III. REPORT OF THE CHAIR

A. National Library Legislative Day (NLLD)

Mr. Viall extended the thanks of the board to the LBRI members who attended NLLD on May 4-5 in Washington, D.C. The Rhode Island delegation was the recipient of the per capita NLLD delegation attendance award. At the NLLD Reception, Jack Martin, Executive Director of the Providence Public Library, was the raffle winner of a flag that flew over the US Capitol.

Senator Whitehouse has proposed an amendment to the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) that calls for effective school library programs.

Ms. Mellor reported that the RI Congressional delegation was asked to support level-funding of the Institute of Library Services and Technology Act.

Ms. Mellor reported that the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) issued the Open Internet Order to ensure a free and open internet. The order supports Net Neutrality and blocks internet service providers from manipulating internet access or prioritizing content and services over their networks. The RI Congressional delegation was asked to support the FCC order and not allow it to be weakened in Congress.

Mr. Viall reported that the USA Freedom Act just passed in the House of Representatives. Included in the bill are reforms to Section 215 of the USA Patriot Act, which would ban the bulk collection of personal communication records by the government from many sources, including libraries. Section 215 is due to expire on June 1; however, it may also be reaffirmed or replaced. ALA's position is that the USA Freedom Act should be approved as is, with the current reforms to Section 215.

B. University of Rhode Island (URI) Graduate School of Library and Information Studies (GSLIS) letter of support

The letter of support for the URI GSLIS was sent on April 23 by Mr. Viall to Winifred Brown, Dean of the URI College of Arts & Sciences, Adam Roth, Interim Director of the URI Harrington School of Communication & Media, Valerie Karno, Interim Director of the URI GSLIS, and Aaron Coutu, President-Elect of the Rhode Island Library Association (RILA).

C. Rhode Island Library Association (RILA) Annual Conference

The 2015 Rhode Island Library Association's annual conference will be held May 27-28 at Salve Regina University in Newport, RI. Registration for the conference is open and walk-in registration will be available.

IV. CHIEF OF LIBRARY SERVICES REPORT

A. LORI-OLIS Delivery Service

The Delivery service for libraries has been temporarily suspended as of May 1, 2015, due to the expiration of the vendor contract. Participating Rhode Island libraries including public libraries, school libraries, the HELIN consortium libraries, and the Rhode Island Library Information Network for Kids (RILINK) libraries, were notified of the service suspension. HELIN and RILINK libraries are not processing holds during the delivery service interruption; however, Ocean State Libraries (OSL) is facilitating a temporary delivery service by providing a central location for libraries to deliver, sort and pick up materials. Many public libraries are participating in this ad hoc delivery system, which was featured in an article in a number of local newspapers, including the Warwick Beacon, Johnston Sunrise, and Cranston Herald.

The new delivery service provider is Optima Shipping Systems. Optima is the shipping provider for the Massachusetts Library System. The ILL service is substantially more expensive than the previous vendor. Delivery will resume on May 26; libraries will be sent an official notification of the start date.

B. OLIS Staffing

The position for State Data Coordinator is currently frozen by the state. While OLIS has 12 funded full-time employees (FTE) and 13 FTE designated positions in the state budget, only 11 are currently filled.

C. Adult Lifelong Learning Grant (ALL Access II)

OLIS was not invited to make a full proposal to the Institute of Museum and Library Science for an ALLAccess II grant, which would have brought the ALLAccess model developed by Providence and Cranston Public Libraries to at least 6 other libraries across the state.

D. Highlights

i. Kids Reading Across RI (KRARI)

The KRARI kick-off was held on Saturday, May 9, 2015, at the RI State House. There were approximately 500 people in attendance at the event. Kate DiCamillo, author of *Flora & Ulysses: The Illuminated Adventures*, addressed parents and children in the Governor's State Room.

ii. Adult Education

Ms. Mellor testified before the Special Legislative Joint Commission to Study Broadband Services and Accessibility to discuss services that libraries are providing to support digital literacy and adult education. The handout, Rhode Island at a Glance: Digital Inclusion & Public Libraries Handout, outlining the services provided, was reviewed by the board.

iii. Early Learning & Development Standards

Ms. Danielle Margarida, the OLIS Youth Services Coordinator, set up a training session for librarians on the Department of Education's Early Learning and Development Standards.

iv. Talking Books Plus Newsletter

The Talking Books Plus bi-annual newsletter was distributed last week. Members are requested to let OLIS know if a copy was not received.

E. Upcoming Events

i. Tiverton Library opening, June 13

Ms. Mellor will attend the Tiverton Library opening on June 13, 2015. Members are invited to attend the grand opening event for the new library.

ii. AskRI renewal

The Providence Public Library (PPL) is currently under contract to serve as the Statewide Reference Resource Center (AskRI) for two years. OLIS will renew the contract with PPL for the second year.

F. Chief Officers of State Library Agencies (COSLA)

Ms. Mellor attended a COSLA meeting on May 6 while in Washington. At the meeting, it was reported that the President has proposed an effort titled ConnectedED to ensure that first graders receive a library card.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Legislation

Mr. Garcia reported on two bills that were heard by the legislature. Bill S0705 was referred to the Senate Finance committee and Bill H5836 was recommended for further study.

B. Review of LBRI By-Laws and Vision Statement

Mr. Viall reported that the review committee's goal is to issue an updated draft of the LBRI By-Laws and Vision Statement to the board before the June meeting.

VI. REPORTS OF THE BOARD

Ms. Amedeo reported that United Way is hosting a book drive from May 1 to June 12. The drive, a partnership with *Books Are Wings*, is accepting new and gently used children's books. Those who would like to participate may donate, host a collection drive, or donate books online through Amazon.com. More information may be found at uwri.org.

Ms. Amedeo reported that Healthsource RI would like to recruit libraries for an outreach project to disseminate information to the public. Ms. Mellor and Ms. DiMichele will be contacted by Healthsource RI about library participation.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Libraries of Rhode Island (LORI) Standards

Ms. DiMichele updated the board about the draft of the LORI Standards. Ms. DiMichele has been working with the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for the new standards implementation. OMB proposed that the Interlibrary Loan Code (ILL) and the LORI Standards be consolidated into one document. In addition, the OMB recommended a change in the language of 4.02.2. The LBRI was asked to vote on the changed language. The consolidated document has been submitted to the OMB for feedback. Once the necessary forms have been approved by OMB, the revised LORI Standards are scheduled to become effective as of July 1, 2015.

Moved by: Joan Ress Reeves

Seconded by: Ed Garcia

The LORI Standards 4.02.2 was unanimously approved with a minor grammatical change.

B. Construction Reimbursement: Caps and Priorities

Ms. Mellor reported that there was no activity on this item.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

No new business was discussed.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT and ANNOUNCEMENT

There were no public comments or announcements.

X. FUTURE MEETINGS

The next LBRI meeting is scheduled for June 15, 2015 from 4:15 to 5:45 p.m. at William Hall Library 1825 Broad Street, Cranston, RI.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Moved by: Ed Garcia

Seconded by: Joan Ress Reeves